



City of Kent Transportation Issues

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Kent is Washington's 6th Largest City



An Economic Engine

- America's 4th largest manufacturing distribution center
- Generates 1/8 of the state's GDP - \$49 billion
- Origin of 1/3 of the truck traffic to Ports of Seattle and Tacoma



Trisected by two national rail lines

- 70 daily trains
- 14 at-grade crossings
- 2 hours cumulative closures



Coal and oil trains will add more delay



SR509/167 Gateway will connect Kent to the region

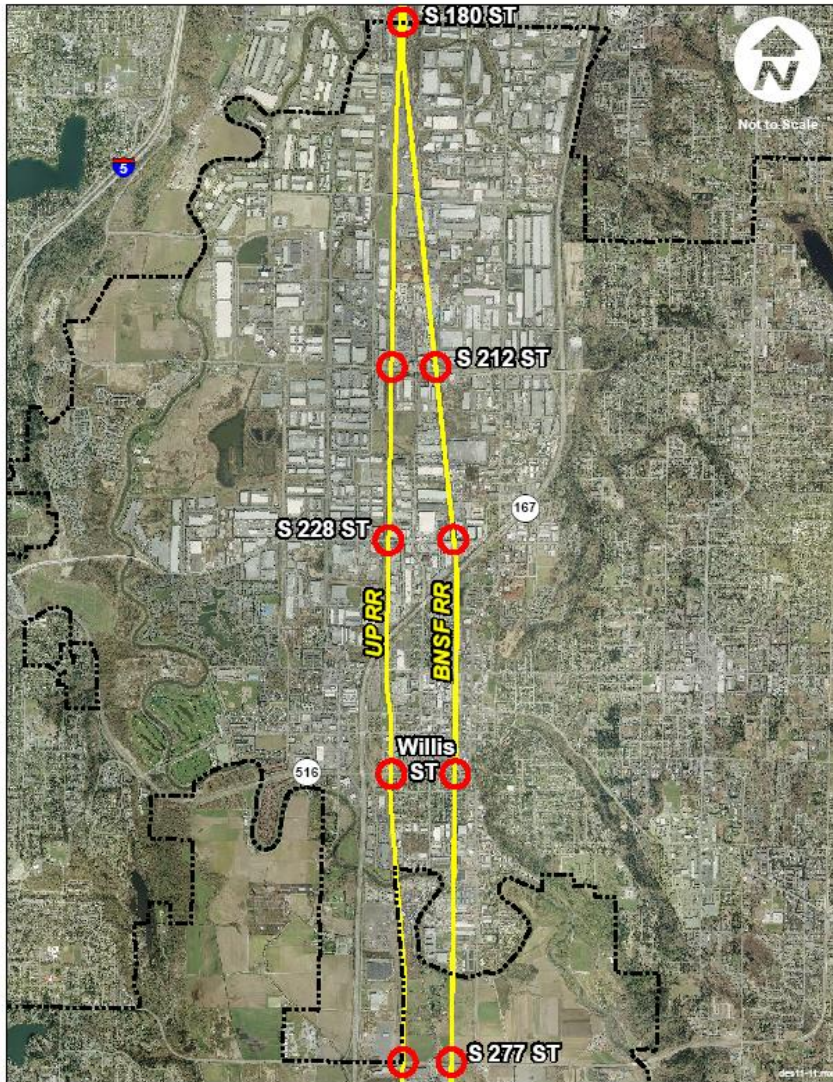


S. 228th Grade Separation will keep people and freight moving



S. 228TH UPRR - EASTBOUND
KENT, WASHINGTON





**Kent is
uniquely
challenged
with so
many rail
crossings**

Streamlined Sales Tax Game Changer

- Sales tax revenues from source to destination
- Kent is the “biggest loser”
- Only 42% of \$12 million annual loss mitigated



Maintenance Backlog Increasing

- B&O Tax - \$4.7 M
- Garbage Tax - \$2.5 M
- \$12 M annual need
- \$250 M backlog



Thank you!
Questions?

